ESPAM Potential Improvement Ranking C.E. Brockway and Erick Powell July 12, 2013

Rank Level of Effort Structural Improvements

2 Moderate Add Portneuf River

Hard Include multiple model layers in selected areas

Done Include Menan gage
Easy Faults at Rexburg Bench

5 Easy to implement field data do not exist Add connected reaches of Teton River

Moderate Grid refinement

Unknown Convert to Modflow USG

Moderate Convert Snake River from RIV package to STR package

Hard Vadose zone transport

Moderate Increase base flow elevations

Hard Surface water model linking

Done Include two drains for every spring

Done Adjust elevation of Briggs Spring

Hard Modeling largest canals with STR package
Hard Modeling Perched Seepage with STR Package

Moderate Represent thinning along edge of aquifer by reducing transmissivity

Unknown Representation of local geologic structure

Hard Specify layer type as unconfined

Hard Allow for vertical anisotropy (need 2 or more layers)

Unknown MODFLOW USG Connected Linear Network representation of specific drains, possibly above ground canal features

Water Budget Improvements

UnknownUnknownImprove understanding of complex entitiesUnknownFiner spatial resolution within large entities.

4 Will happen Incorporate more METRIC data

8 Unknown Refine procedure to represent ET between METRIC years

6 Unknown New calculations for non-irrigated recharge
Done Uncertainty analysis to select field observations

Hard Source of water on mixed source lands
Hard Seepage study along Milner-King Hill reach

Calibration Improvements

Easy Include cross plot, slope, and R2 as calibration targets

7 Easy Adjust pilot points

Done Include filtered and unfiltered Snake River gains

3 Easy Extend model dataset

Hard Incorporate water quality observations

If we approch this piece meal - Easy tributary underflow update

Unknown Compare model calibrated conductances and flow directions with those derived from water level and spring flow data

Easy Consider direct cell assignment and calibration of transmissivites at edges of model domain

Clerical Improvements

10 Unknown Change entity names (IESWMudLk vs IESW029, IESWNrtSd vs IESW032)